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FOR SCHMIDT FROM SIMONS, EUR/EE THREE COPIES ONLY

1. HAIL AND FAREWELL (STATE 192095). WELCOME. ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES IN BUCHAREST JOIN ME IN PIPING YOU ABOARD WITH THE BEST OF GOOD WISHES AND GOOD WILL IN A CHALLENGING AND, WE THINK, IMPORTANT POSITION. SINCE WE HAVE NOTHING TO TEACH YOU, WE LOOK FORWARD SERENELY TO MORE OF THE SUPER COLLABORATION WE HAVE SO ENJOYED UP TO NOW, AS WELL AS TO HARRY'S FIRST TRIP TO THIS PART OF THE CARPATHIAN-DANUBIAN COMPLEX. WE ALSO TRUST THAT WHEN NICK RETURNS THREE WEEKS HENCE YOU WILL PASS ON TO HIM A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION WHICH SHOULD BE UNIQUE AMONG ALL THOSE WHICH MUST BE FLOODING IN FROM EE POSTS: WE ALWAYS FELT BUCHAREST HAD A SPECIAL PLACE IN HIS HEART AND MIND, AS HE DID IN OURS, AND THAT WE BENEFITTED IN EXTRA MEASURE FROM THE INTELLIGENCE, THE FAIRNESS AND THE DEVOTION HE GAVE TO ALL HIS CHARGES. WE WISH HIM VERY WELL.

2. O-I CHANNEL. WE PLAN TO BE EVEN MORE SPARING IN ITS USE THAN WE HAVE BEEN UP TO NOW, AND WILL BE PUTTING AS MUCH IN OPEN CHANNEL AS WE CAN. YOUR POINT ABOUT IMMEDIATES (STATE 190200) IS ALSO TAKEN.

3. STEVE JOHNSON (STATE 190200). YOU DIDN'T MISS
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ANYTHING. INTERIM REPLY (PENDING RESULTS OF SOUNDINGS WITH GOR ON IN-COUNTRY LANGUAGE TRAINING POSSIBILITIES) FOLLOWS BY LETTER.

4. VLAD GEORGESCU (BUCHAREST 5163). GEORGESCU CALLED AUGUST 1 A.M. TO SAY HE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO RESPONSE TO TRANSMITTAL OF HIS FIRST TWO LETTERS (BRZEZINSKI AND

SUGAR), AND WAS SENDING THE THIRD (WEBER). HE REINTERATED HIS REQUEST THAT WE TRY TO SEE TO IT THAT WEBER LETTER GOT TO ADDRESSEE. IN INTERIM, HE HAD ALSO ASKED ARIZONA STATE PROFESSOR MARVIN JACKSON TO ORGANIZE A PETITION OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS FOR HIM, AND TO BRING HIS CASE TO EUGENE IONESCO'S ATTENTION IN PARIS. JACKSON TALKED TO ME JULY 25 AND EVINCED SOME HESITATION, WHICH I ENCOURAGED, SINCE I DO NOT FEEL THAT EITHER STEP WOULD HELP EITHER GEORGESCU OR JACKSON MUCH (IONESCU EVIDENTLY HEADS SOME ORGANIZATION CALLED COMITE INTERNATIONAL POUR L'EUROPE DES LIBERTES - CIEL). JACKSON'S PREFERENCE IS TO GO TO NICOLAE SOMETIME IN THE AUTUMN (AFTER HIS ROMANIAN-BORN WIFE HAS RETURNED TO US) AND ENCOURAGE HIM TO HEAD OFF SUCH A PETITION BY FAVORABLE ACTION ON GEORGESCU; I TOLD HIM THAT SOUNDED MORE PRODUCTIVE TO ME. ON WEBER LETTER, HOWEVER, I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO SEND IT TO HIM WITH SOME CAVEAT ABOUT SENSITIVITY OF CASE, AS WELL AS EXPRESSION OF USG GOOD WILL. LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING WITH THESE VARIOUS MISSALS ON FYI BASIS.

5. GOVERNOR SHAPP. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD CALL THE OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR MILTON SHAPP TO SAY THAT AMBASSADOR AGGREY GREATLY REGRETTED NOT SEEING GOVERNOR DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO BUCHAREST. AGGREYS TRIED IN VAIN TO REACH HIM AT
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INTERCONTINENTAL AND AT NUMBER HE LEFT, AND HAD HOPED TO HAVE HIM TO DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR NICOLAE. OTHER ELEMENT OF REGRET WAS LACK OF ADVANCE WORD OF VISIT, WHICH WOULD HAVE PERMITTED US TO AVOID NEAR MISS.
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